



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DIVISION OF STATE POLICE



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Uniform Crime Reporting Newsletter / Updates

Policies

In August of 2002, the Rhode Island State Police announced that we are enhancing the UCR Program to meet the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) standards and guidelines provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Crime reporting is shifting from UCR summary based crime reporting to incident based crime reporting. Incident based reporting (IBR) will greatly expand the view of crime and arrest activities.

The method of generating IBR data will vary depending on the RMS software application. If you have not done so already, it is recommended that you contact your software vendor to obtain instructions on exporting IBR data from your RMS software.

As of January 2003, we request your support in submitting electronic IBR data **AND** summary based crime data. Electronic data should be sent on diskette or CD and sent with the summary based reports to:

Rhode Island State Police
UCR Unit
311 Danielson Pike
North Scituate, RI 02857.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the UCR Unit at 444-1156.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS /IBR CODES

To enforce a well-built foundation for this crime collection system it was necessary to evaluate each state statute and correlate an appropriate Incident Based Reporting code to meet the national standards and definitions provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With the support of the Department of Attorney General, and the Education and Training Services Unit of the FBI we have completed this phase of the project. The final report is available in an Excel format on the Rhode Island State Police web site at www.risp.ri.gov/ by clicking on the crime statistics link. This file should be the table used by the preliminary officer when entering data in the records management system and is the standard file that should be used in reporting crime data to the Rhode Island State Police.

Please note that several state statutes are listed on the report multiple times, this is due to the fact that state statute definitions cross the NIBRS definitions. In these cases, the preliminary officer should select the conforming offense according to the NIBRS offense classification.

Rhode Island UCR On Line

To obtain the most current information on Rhode Island crime reporting, go to www.risp.ri.gov and click on the crime statistics link.